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DEPUTIES' MEETING

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Monday, 10 August 1953

PRESENT: General Cabell, Messrs. Wisner, Amory, Kirkpatrick, Colonel White,
Messrs. Helms, Sheldon, [redacted]

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General Cabell:

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b. Considered a proposed letter to the Secretary of Defense concerning an exclusive arrangement for using CIA and Defense members of the Civil Service Loyalty Board Panel for handling each other's cases. He indicated that he did not approve of an arrangement of this sort which might be interpreted as a "side deal". As a matter of principle, the Acting Director agreed that an arrangement which would broaden the base for handling CIA cases would be acceptable, but he would oppose any arrangement which had the effect of restricting that base. It was agreed that in any event no special arrangement of this character should be put into writing. The proposed letter was therefore withdrawn and Colonel White undertook to assure that there would be sufficient high level members of the Panel from other departments for the adequate and secure consideration of CIA cases.

c. Raised the related question of the Loyalty Board on Mr. [redacted] and asked that Mr. Rogers of the Department of Justice be given complete freedom to move ahead with the case. He wished it clearly understood that this Agency must in no way appear to be dragging its feet in the [redacted] case nor establish any conditions or ask for any delays in [redacted] behalf.

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d. Raised the question of IN 48817 and Mr. Wisner reported that DD/P had the matter in hand.

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e. Indicated that, for the present, he would hold Deputies' Meetings on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays only.

Mr. Wisner:

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b. Entered a strong plea for clarification and adequate policy guidance in matters of NSC policy, having in mind particularly the lack of guidance for [redacted] Admitting the lack in this specific case, Mr. Amory

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Mr. Wisner (Continued):

pointed out that all Planning Board papers (which later became NSC policy) are submitted for DD/P comment in the development stage. Mr. Helms and Mr. Wisner pointed out that they considered this to be an opportunity to take exception rather than to make positive policy suggestions. General Cabell agreed with Mr. Amory that the DD/P area should take advantage of this opportunity to state its own ideas on matters of policy, in spite of the fact that such matters theoretically lie outside CIA responsibility. In some instances [redacted] it was noted CIA makes policy by default.

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c. Mentioned the draft cable relating to the designation of a Chief [redacted] General Cabell asked that this be got out immediately.

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Mr. Amory:

a. Raised the possibility of Mr. [redacted] recall from Europe to appear before a Loyalty Board and stated his understanding that, while [redacted] would be glad to come back before his scheduled return, he would be unhappy if this summons came in August. General Cabell expressed the view that, in the interests of proper handling, Mr. Amory should disqualify himself from further overt connection with the case because of his own close involvement with [redacted]

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b. Reported that the new Iran estimate is due the end of this week. It was agreed that Mr. Sheldon should see Mr. Wisner today to bring intelligence and operational aspects into coordination.

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Colonel White:

Mr. Kirkpatrick:

a. Noted that it appears that Senator Knowland's trip may not give him an opportunity to be briefed before his departure. He undertook to inquire definitively whether Senator Knowland wished a CIA briefing.

b. Raised the question of Senator Hickenlooper's being briefed before his departure. Mr. Sheldon reported that [redacted] who is to accompany Senator Hickenlooper as a CIA liaison officer, had informed him that Hickenlooper does not now consider it necessary that he have a CIA briefing.

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c. Noted that Harry Schwartz of the New York Times will be meeting with him within the next few days and asked whether any persons present wished to take advantage of Mr. Schwartz's visit. Mr. Amory suggested that Mr. Allen of ORR be notified.

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